

WHEREAS, Successive grand juries for Anne Arundel county have repeatedly and earnestly recommended the erection and equipment of a new jail; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William S. Crisp, Brooklyn, Maryland; W. Frank Chaney, Bristol, Maryland; Nicholas H. Green, Annapolis, Md.; James A. Walton, Annapolis, Md.; William N. French, Annapolis, Md.; Louis Harwood Green, Annapolis, Md., and George Thomas Beasley, Anne Arundel county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they or a majority of them are authorized and empowered by virtue of this act, to contract for, superintend and build a jail for Anne Arundel county at Annapolis, Maryland, on the site of the present jail, which they are empowered to have razed, to install proper heating, lighting, plumbing, toilets and water closets, and the introduction of water and drainage system and telephone service, and to furnish said jail when so constructed and completed, with all necessary equipment, including cells and furniture and such other things as may be required for the ordinary and useful purposes of a jail; three of said commission shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three of them shall be necessary for the decision of all questions which may arise in the discharge of their duties; and all vacancies occurring in said commission, whether from death, refusal to act, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners under this act shall as speedily as possible organize and procure and adopt a plan and specifications for the erection and completion of the said jail, and as soon as said plan and specifications are determined upon by them, they shall invite sealed proposals, by advertisement for a reasonable time, for the construction and completion of said work, which shall be opened publicly on the day and at the hour and place named in said advertisement; said proposals shall set forth the amount of money for which the parties proposing will complete the building according to the plans and specifications, and the time or times at which payment therefor shall be made, and the time when said building will be completed, and the said commission appointed by this act shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, giving bond with approved security to the State of Maryland, in such penalty as said commissioners shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into, which bond shall be liable at the suits